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## INTERNATIONAL SEARCH REPORT

(PCT Article 18 and Rules 43 and 44)

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International application No. <b>PCT/US2006/038684</b>	International filing date (day/month/year) <b>03/10/2006</b>	(Earliest) Priority Date (day/month/year) <b>03/10/2005</b>
Applicant <b>BAROSENSE, INC.</b>		

This International search report has been prepared by this International Searching Authority and is transmitted to the applicant according to Article 18. A copy is being transmitted to the International Bureau.

This International search report consists of a total of 4 sheets.

It is also accompanied by a copy of each prior art document cited in this report.

1. **Basis of the report**
  - a. With regard to the language, the international search was carried out on the basis of:
 

the international application in the language in which it was filed

a translation of the international application into \_\_\_\_\_, which is the language of a translation furnished for the purposes of international search (Rules 12.3(a) and 23.1(b))
  - b.  With regard to any nucleotide and/or amino acid sequence disclosed in the international application, see Box No. I.
2.  **Certain claims were found unsearchable (See Box No. II)**
3.  **Unity of invention is lacking (see Box No III)**
4. With regard to the title,
 

the text is approved as submitted by the applicant

the text has been established by this Authority to read as follows:
5. With regard to the abstract,
 

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the text has been established, according to Rule 38.2(b), by this Authority as it appears in Box No. IV. The applicant may, within one month from the date of mailing of this international search report, submit comments to this Authority
6. With regard to the drawings,
  - a. the figure of the drawings to be published with the abstract is Figure No. 34B

as suggested by the applicant

as selected by this Authority, because the applicant failed to suggest a figure

as selected by this Authority, because this figure better characterizes the invention
  - b.  none of the figures is to be published with the abstract

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**A. CLASSIFICATION OF SUBJECT MATTER**

INV. A61B17/068 A61B17/115 A61B17/128 A61F5/00  
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According to International Patent Classification (IPC) or to both national classification and IPC

**B. FIELDS SEARCHED**

Minimum documentation searched (classification system followed by classification symbols)

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Documentation searched other than minimum documentation to the extent that such documents are included in the fields searched

Electronic data base consulted during the International search (name of data base and, where practical, search terms used)

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**C. DOCUMENTS CONSIDERED TO BE RELEVANT**

Category*	Citation of document, with indication, where appropriate, of the relevant passages	Relevant to claim No.
A	WO 01/66018 A1 (BARD INC C R [US]; GAMBALE RICHARD A [US]; WEISER MICHAEL F [US]; PAGE) 13 September 2001 (2001-09-13) page 14, line 14 – page 47, line 9 figures	1,5,12, 13,21
A	WO 2005/079673 A2 (SATIETY INC [US]) 1 September 2005 (2005-09-01) page 28, line 14 – page 29, line 26 figures 69,70	1,5,14
A	US 2005/096673 A1 (STACK RICHARD S [US] ET AL) 5 May 2005 (2005-05-05) figures 13-13E,40-42B page 7, paragraph 109 – page 8, paragraph 102 page 14, paragraph 199 – paragraph 201	1,14

Further documents are listed in the continuation of Box C.

See patent family annex.

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### Box II Observations where certain claims were found unsearchable (Continuation of item 2 of first sheet)

This International Search Report has not been established in respect of certain claims under Article 17(2)(a) for the following reasons:

1.  Claims Nos.: 26-38  
because they relate to subject matter not required to be searched by this Authority, namely:  
**Rule 39.1(iv) PCT – Method for treatment of the human or animal body by surgery**
2.  Claims Nos.:  
because they relate to parts of the International Application that do not comply with the prescribed requirements to such an extent that no meaningful International Search can be carried out, specifically:
3.  Claims Nos.:  
because they are dependent claims and are not drafted in accordance with the second and third sentences of Rule 6.4(a).

### Box III Observations where unity of invention is lacking (Continuation of item 3 of first sheet)

This International Searching Authority found multiple inventions in this international application, as follows:

1.  As all required additional search fees were timely paid by the applicant, this International Search Report covers all searchable claims.
2.  As all searchable claims could be searched without effort justifying an additional fee, this Authority did not invite payment of any additional fee.
3.  As only some of the required additional search fees were timely paid by the applicant, this International Search Report covers only those claims for which fees were paid, specifically claims Nos.:
4.  No required additional search fees were timely paid by the applicant. Consequently, this International Search Report is restricted to the invention first mentioned in the claims; it is covered by claims Nos.:

#### Remark on Protest

The additional search fees were accompanied by the applicant's protest.

No protest accompanied the payment of additional search fees.

**INTERNATIONAL SEARCH REPORT**

Information on patent family members

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